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## Come, Holy Spirit, Come

by Bishop Mark Lawrence, Provincial Chaplain, Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross



The renowned interpreter of the New Testament, William Barclay, tells how an inquirer from Hinduism met with a bishop in India. Quite on his own, the man had begun reading

the New Testament. Having read through the four gospels he then began making his way through the Book of Acts and "...felt he had entered into a new world. In the gospels it was Jesus, his works and his sufferings. In the *Acts*... what the disciples did and thought and taught had taken the place that Christ had occupied. The Church continued where Jesus had left off at his death.

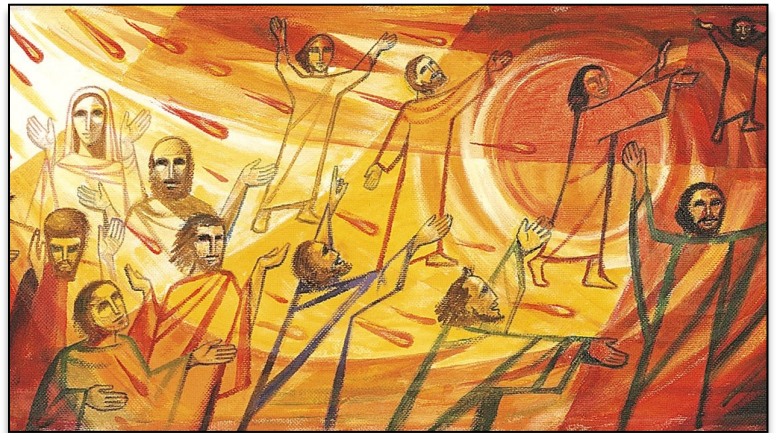
'Therefore', said this man, 'I must belong to *the Church that carries on the life of Christ.*'"

This story is an excellent reminder as we celebrate once again the Feast of Pentecost that the Church lives by confessing Jesus Christ as Lord (1 Cor 12:3); it serves in the power of the Spirit (1 Cor 12:4-11); and it thrives in fellowship (1 Cor 12:12-13).

I have learned to appreciate the way the Confirmation service in our ACNA Book of

Common Prayer 2019 highlights the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives and ministries. The service begins with the prophetic promise from Joel 2:28 "*The Lord will pour out his Spirit upon all flesh, And your sons and daughters shall prophesy.*" Peter quotes this passage in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost to explain what has happened to the disciples. This pouring out of *his Spirit* still happens today. The confirmation service, therefore, goes on later to remind us: "*By the power of the Spirit, manifested in gifts and fruit, we are enabled to be God's people for the sake of the World*" (BCP, p.176).

The Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father that Jesus spoke of in Luke 24:49 and Acts



1:4. He is both the Gift and the Giver; for as we name and confess him in the Nicene Creed, he is "*...the Lord, the giver of life,*

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## From the President



As I write this article, we have just celebrated Jesus' Ascension into Heaven where he now sits at the right hand of the Father and are preparing to celebrate Pentecost. For me, Pentecost has long been an important celebration since I am well aware that I cannot become the woman God calls me to be or accomplish the works He has prepared for me to walk in except by the power of the Holy Spirit; but I have never given much thought to the importance of the Ascension. Have you? That changed this week as I began to study Watchman Nee's classic book, *Sit, Walk, Stand* and as I read the first two devotions for Ascensiontide by the Rev. Canon Ashley Null on the GAFCON web site (GAFCON.org/devotion). I highly recommend both to you. The devotions are archived on the site, so it is never too late to read or listen to them.

Both men remind us that we are, even now, seated with Christ at the right hand of God, focusing on Ephesians 2:4-6 in which Paul writes, "...God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even while we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus (emphasis mine), so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus."

Have you ever thought of yourself as being seated at the right hand of the Father since you are *in* Christ and that is where he is seated? I hadn't. It is because we are *in* Christ that we have His Holy Spirit. It is because we are *in* Jesus that we sit at the right hand of the Father and can stand in the power of Christ, as we sing in the last line of the

hymn of the Order, *In Christ Alone*.

Both Watchman Nee and Canon Null remind us that our lives as Christians begin with sitting, with resting in God. Only after we have realized that we are totally dependent on God can we do the works He has prepared for us to walk in and stand against the enemy. Canon Null writes:

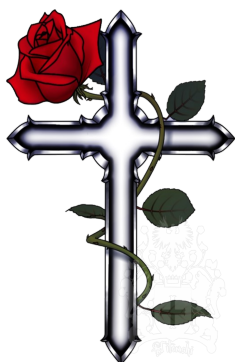
*Jesus' Ascension reminds us that we are only sojourners here. Jesus has seated us in heavenly places with him at the right hand of God and we are called to see our activities from this eternal perspective. We are to engage the world. We are to use the resources at our disposal in the world to better it by advancing the Gospel. But we are never to put our trust in our use of them. Rather, we rely on the work of the Spirit to glorify Christ through our efforts while he tarries, and to make all things new again according to God's promises when he returns. To be at the right hand of God is to be at the very source of God's power by which he works in this world, a power that nothing in this world can stop.*

Do you, like me, struggle to live out your Rule of Life of Prayer, Study, Service, and Evangelism? Do you struggle to love as Jesus loves, to forgive as you have been forgiven? Canon Null and Watchman Nee remind us that the basis of living as Christians, as Daughters of the Holy Cross, is to rest in Christ, to see things from God's perspective, and to rely on the power of His Holy Spirit. May he bless us all as we learn to rest in Him and realize that even now in Christ we are seated at the right hand of God.

In Christ Alone,  
Diane

*Diane Bringgold Brown*

A fellow disciple of Christ



## In Loving Memory of Daughters

*We remember the following dear members of The Order of the Daughters of the Holy Cross who have recently died. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and to Daughters who knew them.*

Carlene Riley, St. Hildegard Chapter, Monroe, LA, 3/31/21

Lynette Van Cleve, Christchurch Anglican Chapter, Montgomery, AL, 4/13/21

*Note: Some dates shown are the dates when the notice of death was received and recorded in the DHC Membership database. They may not necessarily correspond to the actual date.*

## *O Gracious and Holy Father . . .*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.*



In the midst of the continuing crises facing our country and the world, this last verse of “In Christ Alone” gives us hope and encouragement that Jesus is always with us, even though sometimes we think may think He’s still sleeping in a storm-tossed boat on the Sea of Galilee (Matt. 8:23-27).

One of the things I have taken on during this Covid time is attending Morning Prayer, which is offered Monday through Friday at my church. It is now a part of my Rule of Life. I could read the service myself in the Book of Common Prayer or participate one day a week via the Daughters’ website, but there is something special about getting up and “going to the temple to pray” (if your church is open these days). I remember how my mother would go to Morning Prayer just about every day. Her departure was signaled as I heard the jingle of the car keys and the turn of the lock of the front door – after which I went back to sleeping in my warm bed.

As I now carry out this regimen of going to Morning Prayer, I so greatly appreciate the regularity of praising the Lord, hearing His Word, responsibly reading the psalms, and crying out for the Lord’s mercy. The Psalms, especially, speak to me, for they honestly express the psalmist’s (and my) frustrations and fears, yet eventually always affirm that the Lord is in control, His enemies are defeated, He does and will continue to always care for His people. His justice and truth will prevail: “No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from His hand . . . Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand.”

Thank you, Mother, for being such a good example to your teenage daughter, who used to sleep late but now revels in greeting days with rejoicing in the power and love of our Great and Sovereign God.

O Gracious and Holy Father, may we be strong and true to your Word, steadfast to You, giving thanks in all times and all places no matter what happens.

In Christ Alone  
Barbara Mattick, Editor

## *When’s Your Birthday?*

The Provincial Council members continue to ask for birthdates from all Daughters. Of the 1029 members, we have collected 338 birthdates (107 more than last quarter!). Thanks to all of you who have submitted your information.



Please send an email to me ([sshightx@gmail.com](mailto:sshightx@gmail.com)) with the following information. If you don’t have an email address, feel free to call me, text me, or send me a note by regular mail.

Name

Date of birth (mm/dd/yyyy)

We are asking for the year of birth also so we can recognize those members who are celebrating significant milestones. However, if you are not comfortable including the year, would you still please send us the month and date? Although we enjoy talking to you personally, if Chapter Presidents can gather this information for us, it would be greatly appreciated.

In Christ Alone,

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# Membership Report



Summer is almost here. Our prayers for you and your families are to stay safe at all times, especially during travel and vacations, and to rest, relax and be spiritually refreshed.

Though the pandemic challenged us in many ways, God continues to bless us. Our new chapters instituted this year are: **Christ the King, Birmingham, AL** (5 candidates); **Daughters of All Saints, Midland, TX** (8 members); and **The Daughters@St. Timothy's, Ft. Worth** (5 members). The **Ruth chapter in Orangeburg, SC**, has a date of June 20th set for their institution and admission of 9 members. **Sisters of Hope, Crawfordville, FL** (3 new members), was featured in our last newsletter.

In addition to that, the **Mary Magdala chapter of Cheyenne, WY**, with 3 members, is in the process of submitting their final paperwork. Once the chapter is instituted, it will be our first chapter in Wyoming!

There is also more exciting news from our Ruby Mayrath, who will be creating a chapter in Broken Bow, OK.

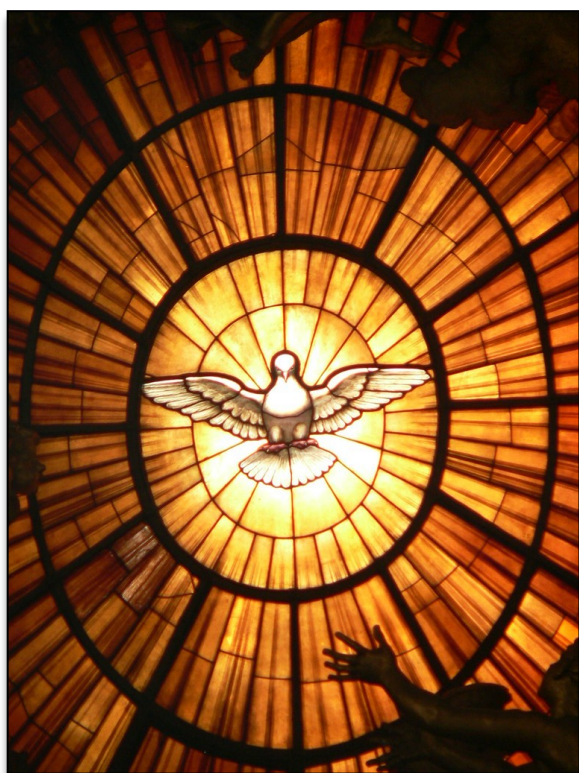
Please pray for our candidates who are in Study and Discernment. The following chapters with candidates are Mary Magdalene, Rock Hill, SC; Christ Church, Vero Beach, FL; Faith, St. Augustine, FL; Trinity, Tallahassee, FL; Rose of Sharon, Stockton, CA; Daughters of Grace, N. Myrtle Beach, SC; and Ruby Mayrath's new chapter in Broken Arrow, OK.

More exciting news: there is interest to create a new chapter with 12 candidates, some of whom are prior DOKs, in Halfmoon, NY. I'm also in contact with a prior DOK member who wants to create a chapter in Blacksburg, VA. Keep this in your prayers as we have no chapters in either of those states.

Have a Blessed summer,

In Christ Alone,  
Gail Cahill, Membership Chair

Come, Holy Spirit, Come, *from page 1*



*who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified....*” I believe it was Leslie Newbigin who once asked why God sent the Spirit: to create in us as individuals a quality of life that would otherwise be beyond our powers; and to create within the Christian community a fellowship and ministry that cannot be paralleled by any organization or institution on earth. “The Spirit *searches* all things (1 Cor 2:10), *knows* the mind of God (1 Cor 2:11), *teaches* the content of the gospel to believers (1 Cor 2:13), *dwells* among and within believers (1 Cor 3:16; Rom 8:11; 2 Tim 1:14), *accomplishes* all things (1 Cor 12:11), *gives* life to those who believe (2 Cor 3:6), *cries out* within our hearts (Gal 4:6), *leads* us in the ways of God (Gal 5:18; Rom 8:14), *bears witness* with our spirits (Rom 8:16), *has desires* that are in opposition to the flesh (Gal 5:17), *helps* us in our weakness (Rom 8:26), *intercedes* in our behalf (Rom 8:26-27), *works* all things *together* for our ultimate good (Rom 8:28), *strengthens* believers (Eph 3:16), and is *grieved* by our sinfulness (Eph 4:30)” (see Gordon Fee, *Paul, the Spirit, and the People of God*). No wonder St. Paul exhorts us “to be filled with the Spirit”. In this approaching season of the Church Year known as The Season After Pentecost, perhaps you might make this your prayerful refrain, “Come, Holy Spirit, Come!”

# Chapter Corner

## Candidates Unite in the Name of Jesus

Liza Bidwell, Cheryl Cerreta, Jane Flynn and Sarah Galarza, four candidates for Trinity Chapter at St. Peter's Cathedral in Tallahassee, created a project. The purpose of the project was to aid Refuge House, a local women's shelter which assists battered women by providing shelter for them and their children. The project began with the idea to provide the children in the shelter with an Easter basket, but grew to include snacks, art supplies, canned and dry goods as well as personal hygiene supplies. The four candidates came together and demonstrated unity as they coordinated the project. The enthusiasm was contagious, and when the chapter was invited to join in, additional contributions poured in to provide all that was hoped for and more! The Holy Spirit could be felt in the donations, which included delightful surprises especially for the children. Jean Williams, one of our guest discernment instructors, gave wise counsel that our works need to intentionally state that we are doing them in the name of Jesus.



*Ann Smith, Discernment Leader,  
Trinity Chapter*

From L-R: Ann Smith, Discernment Leader; candidates Liza Bidwell; Jane Flynn (kneeling on floor); Sarah Galarza, and Cheryl Cerreta.

## Elizabeth Chapter 2021 Service Project Honors Veterans

The Elizabeth Chapter, DHC has begun a project to support the Victory Veteran's Center in Walterboro, SC. This is a long term Veteran's home with rehabilitation capability for veterans injured in the line of duty, and serves both men and women in all branches of the uniformed services. There are 170 residents currently. In addition to regular visits by individual Daughters, and collaboration with their activities director, our Chapter will provide material support monthly.

Our first project was for Easter. Each Veteran received a plastic Easter Egg filled with Chocolate (as suggested by our contact) and a letter thanking them for their service; additionally, a letter and large Easter Basket filled with candy was given to the staff. The staff was overwhelmed with gratitude saying no one ever thinks to support them.

The help requested for April was donations of DVDs and CDs. The center has players that are signed out to residents on a rotating basis.





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**Deadline for the July-September 2021 issue is July 15, 2021.**

*(Please submit articles as Word documents and photos/images as .jpg files, if possible)*

## ***Retail! Get your DHC Retail!***



If you are looking for sharp-looking DHC mugs, aprons, shirts, bags, etc., check out the retail site on the DHC website.

The retail store remained open despite COVID-19.

There were 30 units sold in 2020. Go online to see what Glenna has to offer. You can go to our website and look at Retail or contact Glenna directly at [www.embellishedembroidery.com](http://www.embellishedembroidery.com) or [embellished@att.net](mailto:embellished@att.net)

Nancy P. Ford,  
Retail Chair

## **ICA Fund Report**



The In Christ Alone Fund has stayed healthy, even during the pandemic. With Covid restrictions loosening, we may be able to provide some grants this year!

For more information, contact me at [npford49@hotmail.com](mailto:npford49@hotmail.com)

Thank you again for your donations this past year!

Nancy P. Ford, Chair  
In Christ Alone Fund